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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4326

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

KUALA LUMPUR 5627

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

DOD WASHDC

CINCPAC HONOLULU

USSAG NAKHOM PHANOM

AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

AMCONSUL UDORN

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SUBJECT: SITREP ON DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE EMBASSY

1. APPROXIMATELY 2500 TO 3000 DEMONSTRATORS, ONLOOKERS, AND FOOD VENDERS ARE IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY AS OF 1900 HOURS LOCAL, SATURDAY MAY 17. SOAP BOX ORATORS ARE LATHERING THEM WITH NATIONALISTIC AND ANTI-AMERICAN SUDS.

2. DEMONSTRATORS SPAT ON AND OTHERWISE INTIMIDATEAD AN EMBASSY SECRETARY DRIVING HER PERSONAL CAR OUT OF THE

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HOUSING COMPOUND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY

ABOUT 1645 MAY 17. THE DEMONSTRATORS HAVE NOT YET
ASKED TO PRESENT ANY NOTES TO THE EMBASSY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN TOLD THE DCM
AT 1630 MAY 17 THAT HE HAD GIVEN A MEMO TO THE
DEMONSTRATORS TO CALM THEM DOWN. THE DOMONSTRATORS
SAID THEY WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN THE TREATMENT OF THE EMBASSY
SECRETARY WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT SOME IRRESPONSIBLE
ELEMENTS AMONG THE DEMONSTRATORS COULD EXCEED THE
LIMITATIONS THEIR LEADERS IMPOSE.
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